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The following provisional statute governing the Control Department of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers has been proclaimed; the Control Department was established in order to support the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers in operational management and to improve the work of the state apparatus by exerting more strict control over the execution of decrees of the Government.

I. Position of the Control Department:

1. The Control Department is an organ of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers and is subordinate to the Minister President.
2. The Control Department is composed of
 - the Director
 - the Deputy to the Director
 - the Directors of the Control Groups
 - the Mitarbeiter.
3. The Director of the Control Department is personally responsible to the Minister President for all the work of the Department. The activity of the Control Department is to be based on work plans which are to be approved by the Minister President.
4. The Director of the Control Department is appointed by the Minister President. He is entitled to participate in sessions of the Council of Ministers and of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers (for his information). In the absence of the Director, the Deputy to the Director may attend these sessions.

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5. The Director and the Mitarbeiter of the Control Department have no authority over members of other state organs and offices.

II. Duties of the Control Department:

1. The Control Department has the following duties:
 - a) to **check on** the implementation of decrees of the Council of Ministers and the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers;
 - b) to assure a concrete **over-all** view of the status of fulfillment of the decrees;
 - c) to discover in time flaws in the execution of the decrees;
 - d) to present proposals for eliminating such flaws;
 - e) to examine important proposed decrees for the Council of Ministers and the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers for accuracy and practicality. This does not include a juridical examination; the Main Department for Government Affairs is responsible for this function.
2. The Control Department is to concentrate primarily on the main questions which arise as the result of Government decrees. In order to avoid unnecessary checks from various control organs in the same case, the Control Department is to coordinate its activities with the other control organs, especially with the Central Commission for State Control.
3. The work of the Control Department does not relieve leading state functionaries of the responsibility for organizing and executing inspections in their own departments.

III. Rights and Obligations:

1. The members of the Control Department have the right
 - a) to implement controls in all state organs and offices except the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the Supreme Court, and the Central Commission for State Control;
 - b) to request to see all documents and material necessary for the implementation of control functions;
 - c) to require of the directors and members of state organs and offices information necessary for the fulfillment of control functions;
 - d) to demand reports and evaluations of reports;
 - e) to participate, for their information, in sessions and discussions of state organs and offices which are subject to their inspection (See a) above);
 - f) to inspect all proposals for decrees and protocols of sessions of the Council of Ministers and the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers;
 - g) to demand work materials from the control offices of the ministries and state secretariats.

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2. a) The members of the Control Department must prepare a report on the results of each **inspection**.
- b) The Director is to present these reports, along with appropriate conclusions, to the Minister President.
- c) The Control Department is to inform the directors of the organs **inspected** concerning the results of **inspections**; this is to be done by means of a copy of the report.
- d) If culpable **offences** are detected, the Director of the Control Department can present to the Minister President suggestions for disciplinary or punitive action.

IV. Conclusions:

1. The work of the Control Department is not subject to the coordination and control of the Central Commission for State Control. (See II, 2.)
2. The Director of the Control Department is to present to the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers a quarterly report on the work and results of the Department's activities.
3. The preparation for sessions of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers, as well as the preparation and distribution of protocols, will be taken care of by the Main Department for Government Affairs.

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